

COUNTRY DATA: Denmark : Information from the CIA World Factbook

INTRODUCTION

Once the seat of Viking raiders and later a major north European power, Denmark has evolved into a modern, prosperous nation that is participating in the general political and economic integration of Europe. It joined NATO in 1949 and the EEC (now the EU) in 1973. However, the country has opted out of certain elements of the European Union's Maastricht Treaty, including the European Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), European defense cooperation, and issues concerning certain justice and home affairs.

GEOGRAPHY

Location	Northern Europe, bordering the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, on a peninsula north of Germany (Jutland); also includes two major islands (Sjaelland and Fyn)
Area	total: 43,094 sq km country comparison to the world: <u>133</u> land: 42,434 sq km water: 660 sq km <i>note:</i> includes the island of Bornholm in the Baltic Sea and the rest of metropolitan Denmark (the Jutland Peninsula, and the major islands of Sjaelland and Fyn), but excludes the Faroe Islands and Greenland
Climate	temperate; humid and overcast; mild, windy winters and cool summers
Natural Resources	petroleum, natural gas, fish, salt, limestone, chalk, stone, gravel and sand
Total Renewable Water Resources	6.1 cu km (2003)
Freshwater Withdrawal	total: 0.67 cu km/yr (32%/26%/42%) per capita: 123 cu m/yr (2002)
Natural Hazards	flooding is a threat in some areas of the country (e.g., parts of Jutland, along the southern coast of the island of Lolland) that are protected from the sea by a system of dikes
Environmental Issues	air pollution, principally from vehicle and power plant emissions; nitrogen and phosphorus pollution of the North Sea; drinking and surface water becoming polluted from animal wastes and pesticides

PEOPLE

Population	5,529,888 (July 2011 est.) country comparison to the world: <u>110</u>
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Ethnic Groups	Scandinavian, Inuit, Faroese, German, Turkish, Iranian, Somali
Religions	Evangelical Lutheran 95%, other Christian (includes Protestant and Roman Catholic) 3%, Muslim 2%
Languages	Danish, Faroese, Greenlandic (an Inuit dialect), German (small minority) note: English is the predominant second language
Literacy Rate	definition: age 15 and over can read and write total population: 99% male: 99% female: 99% (2003 est.)
Major Infectious Diseases	N/A
GOVERNMENT	
Type	constitutional monarchy
Independence	ca. 965 (unified and Christianized under HARALD I Gormson); 5 June 1849 (becomes a constitutional monarchy)
Constitution	5 June 1953; note - constitution allowed for a unicameral legislature and a female chief of state
Legal System	civil law system; judicial review of legislative acts; accepts compulsory ICJ jurisdiction with reservations
ECONOMY	
Agricultural Products	barley, wheat, potatoes, sugar beets; pork, dairy products; fish
Industries	iron, steel, nonferrous metals, chemicals, food processing, machinery and transportation equipment, textiles and clothing, electronics, construction, furniture and other wood products, shipbuilding and refurbishment, windmills, pharmaceuticals, medical equipment
Import commodities	machinery and equipment, raw materials and semimanufactures for industry, chemicals, grain and foodstuffs, consumer goods
Import Partners	Germany 17.53%, Sweden 12.68%, UK 8.49%, US 6.05%, Norway 6.01%, Netherlands 4.84%, France 4.57% (2009)
Export Commodities	machinery and instruments, meat and meat products, dairy products, fish, pharmaceuticals, furniture, windmills
Export Partners	Germany 17.53%, Sweden 12.68%, UK 8.49%, US 6.05%, Norway 6.01%, Netherlands 4.84%, France 4.57% (2009)
Per Capita GDP	\$36,700 (2010 est.) country comparison to the world: <u>29</u>

	\$36,400 (2009 est.) \$38,400 (2008 est.) <i>note: data are in 2010 US dollars</i>
Population below poverty line	12.1% (2007)

***CITATIONS:** All information included above is extracted from the CIA World Factbook except where noted.